

**DRIED CELLULAR HYDROCOLLOID CARRIERS COMPRISING VIABLE  
MICROORGANISMS AND USE THEREOF IN BIOLOGICAL CONTROL**

**ABSTRACT**

5           The present invention provides cellular solid carriers comprising viable  
microorganisms capable of controlling plant pathogens. The cellular solid carriers are  
formed from water-soluble hydrocolloid beads dried under conditions which preserve  
their porosity, thereby allowing efficient release of microorganisms or diffusion of  
products derived from the microorganisms from the beads to the surrounding  
10 environment.

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